

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MAIL PROCESSING NETWORK RATIONALIZATION  
SERVICE CHANGES, 2011

Docket No. N2012-1

**RESPONSES OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS WILLIAMS  
TO QUESTIONS POSED DURING  
MARCH 20, 2012 ORAL CROSS-EXAMINATION**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the responses of witness David Williams to questions posed at pages 277, 294 and 420 during oral cross-examination in this docket on March 20, 2012. Citation to each of the questions is provided; the questions are then paraphrased and followed by the responses of witness Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Tr. Vol. 2 at 277**

How many days are there between notification by the Postal Service of labeling list changes and the date by which the Postal Service expects the mailing industry to change their systems?

**RESPONSE**

Currently, the grace period is 75 days from when the changes are published to when they must comply with the new distribution separations. In 2013 and beyond, the grace period concept will be changed. Beginning next year, mailers will have a 15 day notification period of upcoming changes and will have 30 days to either use the old or the new labeling list for when making distribution separations.

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**Tr. Vol. 2 at 294**

Whether it's coming from an outside source or an inside source, please provide data that give us an idea of how often periodicals are delivered on time.

**RESPONSE**

Please review the data in the Periodicals Zip file that accompanied the Postal Service's November 10, 2011 filing of FY 2011 Q4 Service Performance Results. The document can be accessed via the Daily Listing function for that date on the Commission's website.

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**Tr. Vol. 2 at 420**

**Question:**

What percentage of parcels are delivered now in the upper limit of the proposed service standard day ranges being proposed for noncontiguous areas?

**RESPONSE**

I am informed that these parcels represent 0.002 percent of systemwide mail volume and 0.213 percent of volume destined for addresses outside of the contiguous 48 states.